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In re Patent Application of:  
Hong CHEN et al.

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR FORMING A  
SERVO PATTERN ON A MAGNETIC TAPE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

This Request for Continued Examination is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 13, 2004 for which a response is due on April 13, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.